

**MINNESOTA ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO
THE U.S. COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS
MEETING MINUTES**

February 27, 2017

The Minnesota Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Committee) convened via conference call to discuss civil rights concerns in the State. Velma Korbel chaired the meeting and performed the initial roll call of committee members present. The meeting was open to the public and took place from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM CDT.

Advisory Committee Members:

Present:

1. Battle, Robert
2. Check, Ryan
3. Dobratz, Matthew
4. Kolbo, Kirk
5. Korbel, Velma (Chair)
6. Beaulieu, Jacqueline
7. Doyle, Kenneth (Vice Chair)

Absent:

1. Huynh, Denise
2. Levy-Pounds, Nekima
3. Taylor, Craig
4. Guadarrama, Leticia
5. Nelson, Teresa
6. Valens, Nyagatare
7. Vischer, Robert

Commission Staff present:

- Wojnaroski, Melissa (DFO)
- Wilks, Olivia (USCCR intern)

Members of the Public present:

- Jackson, Faith (Minneapolis
Department of Civil Rights)

Meeting Notes/Decisions Made:

Approval of Minutes

1. Ryan Check moved for the Committee to approve the meeting minutes from February 17, 2017 as drafted.
2. Matt Dobratz seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

Discussion: Hearing Preparation—*Police Practices in Minnesota*

Discussion of Panel updates and revisions. The Committee reviewed outreach progress and remaining panel spots to be filled.

1. Academic Panel (8:15-9:30am)

- a. Ken Doyle moved to include testimony from **Gene Borgida** on the policy-makers/judiciary panel.
 - i. Robert Battle seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

- b. Ryan Check moved to grant Commission staff decision-making power to seek out additional academic panelist with requisite experience relating to 21st century policing.
 - i. Ken Doyle seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

2. Community Panel I (9:45-11:00am)

- a. The Committee had no comments on this panel.

3. Community Panel II (11:15am-12:30pm)

- a. The Committee had no comments on this panel.

4. Law Enforcement Panel (1:15-2:45pm)

- a. Kirk Kolbo will confirm with **Bloomington Police Union Michael Gallagher**.
- b. Bob Battle will reach out to **one additional St. Paul officer (street-level officer)**.
- c. The Committee discussed extending the law enforcement panel time as necessary to accommodate more panelists.

5. Policy-Makers/Judicial Panel (3:00-4:15pm)

- a. Kirk Kolbo moved to include **Andrea Brown** on the Policy Maker/Judicial Panel:
 - i. Ryan Check seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously by a voice vote

Discussion of Questions for Panelists

- The Committee discussed what questions they are interested in asking panelists beyond the questions outlined in the proposal. Topics included:
 - Which jurisdictions have adopted 21st Century Policing?
 - Have communities seen changes since the implementation of these recommendations?
 - Immigration orders and local policing
 - Psychology of police and community encounters

Discussion of Written Testimony Requests

- The Committee would like to specifically request written statements from the following individuals
 - **John Choi**
 - **Bob Fletcher**
 - **James Hughes II**
- The Committee would like to obtain crime statistics from BCA/FBI/Minnesota Police Departments

Future Plans and Actions

- In preparation for the hearing, Committee members should continue to think about what questions to ask panelists.
- In preparation for the hearing, Committee members should use the press release and flyer to conduct outreach to their networks and local media outlets to build interest and awareness.
- USCCR staff have requested brief abstracts from each panelist. Abstracts will be submitted to the Committee as soon as they are received to aid in development of questions.
- In preparation for the public hearing on March 21, 2017, all Committee members should also familiarize themselves with the 21st century policing report and its recommendations.

Upcoming Meetings

- **Wednesday March 15 at 12pm (teleconference)**
- **Tuesday March 21, 8:00am – 5:15pm (in Minneapolis)**

Meeting Adjourned, 1:00 pm, CST.